until April 26, 1913, after futile attempts had been made to secure the requisite funds from independent foreign financiers, and there had been ample time,, had it been possible, to raise the money from Chinese investors.

June found Dr. Sun back in Shanghai, attempting, so it was reported, to form a Sino-Foreign Bank. He received, and accepted, an invitation from President Yuan Shih-kai to visit Peking in August, A few days before his departure, however, news was received of the summary execution, by Yuan's orders, of two prominent revolutionary generals, Chang Chen-wu and Feng Wei. It was explained that these executions had been carried out at the urgent request of General Li Yuan-hung, the Vice-President, in consequence of the discovery of a serious plot, in which both men were implicated, in Wuchang. When the news of the executions was received efforts were made to dissuade Dr. Sun from going North. Huang Hsing, who was to have accompanied him, flatly refused to go, but Dr. Sun sailed for Tientsin on August 22, and reached the Capital on the 24th. Just prior to his arrival an amalgamation had been effected between his own Party, the *Tung Meng Hui,* and the *Tung Yi Kung Ho Tang* and three smaller political cliques, under the name of the *Kuomintang.*

President Yuan received Dr. Sun cordially when he reached Peking, and both of them said nice

things to and about each other. While in Peking-
Dr. Sun put forward his project for railway construction in China. It was a grandiose and ill-considered scheme. It involved the construction